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Captain S. F. Robertson, USN
Department of the Navy
Surface Warfare Officers School Command
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Newport, RI 02841-1209

Dear Captain Robertson:

We write in response to your letter of January 24, 2018, requesting the approval of the training covered in the Navy's Voyage Management System (VMS) Version 8 and 9/Electronic Chart Display and Information System-Navy (ECDIS-N) Operator Course to meet the requirements for Electronic Chart Display Information System (ECDIS) to include the assessments contained in NVIC 12-14 (Ch-1) for use of ECDIS to maintain the safety of navigation.

The courses satisfy applicable requirements, and the following approval is granted subject to the conditions specified below and in Enclosure (1):

Any applicant who has successfully completed your Electronic Chart Display Information System (ECDIS) (SWOSCO-179) course will satisfy:

- The ECDIS training requirements within 46 CFR 11.309(4)(xvi); AND
- The specific tasks from NVIC 12-14 (Ch-1) (Tasks 4.1 and 4.2).

Applicants who have successfully completed this course need not present completed Task Control Sheets for the above listed assessments in application for STCW certification.

Instructors: The qualifications for the instructors are based on Naval Education and Training Command Standards. Assessment tasks listed above to be signed off by the qualified Petty Officers witnessing the assessments.

Certificates: Your certificate of training must contain the following information:

- Name and code of the course as Electronic Chart Display Information System (ECDIS) (SWOSCO-179)
- Name of the educational institution
- Date of completion and location where the training was conducted
- Name of the student

- Signature of an authorized representative of the school

Your certificate of training may contain or you may issue, in addition to a completion certificate, an addendum that contains the approval paragraph as written in this letter. The verbiage appearing on the certificate or addendum must be verbatim as found in this approval.

Locations: Course is presented at the Surface Warfare Officers School Learning sites and aboard U.S. Naval vessels.

Approval Dates: This approval is effective April 1, 2018, and expires on April 30, 2023. Subsequent five year renewals may be granted upon a written request to this office made at least 90 days before this approval expires.

Failure to comply with the conditions of this approval may result in the suspension or withdrawal of this approval in accordance with 46 CFR 10.402(g).

If you have questions contact Course Approvals at NMCCourses@uscg.mil or (304) 433-3720.

Sincerely,



K. R. MARTIN
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard

Enclosure: (1) Terms of Course Approval
(2) Certificate of Approval

Terms Of Course Approval
Surface Warfare Officers School Command
Electronic Chart Display Information System (ECDIS) (SWOSCO-179)

Providers of Coast Guard Approved Training must follow the provisions of 46 CFR Subchapter B and additional Coast Guard Policy documented in NVIC 03-14 including:

1. All examinations taken to successfully complete a course must be different from any examination previously taken. Examinations must be equivalent in scope and difficulty to the examination that the Coast Guard would have administered.
(46 CFR 10.403(a)(4))
2. Any demonstration of practical skills must be appropriate to the material presented and equal to the level of endorsement for which the course is approved.
(46 CFR 10.403(a)(5))
3. For at least 5 years after the end of each student's enrollment, providers must maintain a record in accordance with 46 CFR 10.403(a)(6).
4. Any changes to the course, including a change of simulators or training aids, or changes or additions of instructors must be submitted to the NMC for evaluation and written approval prior to implementation; submitted to NMCCourses@uscg.mil.
(46 CFR 10.403(a)(7))
5. Conduct an internal audit midway through the course's approval period and maintain the results of the audit for a period of not less than 5 years.
(46 CFR 10.403(a)(8))
6. Training may only be conducted at a site preapproved by the Coast Guard. Should you wish to provide training at a site other than those included on your site approval letter, a request must be submitted to the NMC via e-mail at NMCSiteApprovals@uscg.mil, or call 304-433-3730, at least 21 days in advance.
7. You must allow, at any time, the National Maritime Center, or a designated representative, to:
 - a. Inspect your facilities, equipment and records, including scholastic and assessment records, and administrative and instructional applications of your course delivery software, as applicable;
 - b. Interview and survey students to aid in course evaluation;
 - c. Assign personnel to observe or participate in the course of instruction, with or without prior notification; and
 - d. Supervise or administer the required examinations or practical demonstrations.
 - e. For distance learning courses, access and review the course on-line at any time after approval. The username and password must remain active indefinitely.
(46 CFR 10.403(a)(9))
8. All Course renewal requests should be submitted to the National Maritime Center, via Homeport or NMCCourses@uscg.mil, at least 90 days before the current approval expires.
((NVIC) 03-14, para 5.c.2)
9. All providers with approved training creditable towards STCW endorsements must implement the Quality Standard System requirements of 46 CFR 10.410 by January 1, 2017.
10. Live fire fighting training exercises may be subject to U.S. EPA regulations and other federal, state and local government requirements. Training providers are responsible for ensuring that these requirements are met prior to conducting training.

ENCLOSURE (1)

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL



Electronic Chart Display Information System (ECDIS) (SWOSCO-179)

course offered by

Surface Warfare Officers School Command

is hereby recognized as an approved training course as outlined in Subpart D of Part 10, Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations.
This approval is valid through the expiration date below, unless sooner surrendered or withdrawn as set forth in 46 CFR 10.402, or by the requirements within the course approval.

April 1, 2018
Effective

April 30, 2023
Expires

K.R. Martin

K. R. MARTIN
Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center